

It is not in the public interest to decrease variety of ownership in any market. This reduces the number of voices available and thus limits the public conversation which is essential to an informed citizenry, and therefore an informed electorate. It is ironic that this is being pushed as a free market decision, since a free market depends on maximum competition in order to provide the services and products and improve them. Deregulation works toward monopoly, which is not a free market situation.